

ABSTRACT

Decorative exterior body panels for use on motor vehicles and methods for making the same are presented. Layers of thermoplastic material are sandwiched to produce a laminate. The laminate is then heated and vacuum formed into a selected body panel shape. To further ease the process of production of the vehicle body, the panel may have integral decorative material. Such a panel does not require paint or other extra steps to provide a finished look to the vehicle body. The top layer of the laminate is transparent, allowing the second layer to be seen. The second layer is a decorative material such as fabric or any colored, textured or reflective material.